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Docket No.: EGGER

In re Application of:	}
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Appl. No.: PCT/AT2004/000442	}
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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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SIR:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to D) which were cited in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding international patent application No. PCT/AT2004/000442 and references E) to G). Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

	Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A)	USA	US 4 687 573	Miller et al.	08-18-1987
B)	Japan	JP 61 222523 A	P S Kankyo	10-03-1986
C)	Japan	JP 57 167718 A	Nobuko T.	10-15-1982
D)	USA	US 4 711 097	Besik	12-08-1987
E)	USA	US 5 817 167	DesChamps	10-06-1998
F)	Europe	EP 0 678 321 A2	Essex	10-25-1995
G)	Germany	DE 100 27 467 A1	Institut f. Luft	12-06-2001

Copies of references B), C), F) and G) are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the International Search Report. In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

Reference G) describes a method using dehumidifying and cooling potential of used air from the room to process external air, whereby the enthalpy of the induced external air is reduced in a rotating, regenerative, rapidly running absorption exchanger connected to a compound circuit system with heat exchangers, a circulation pump and a compensation container combined with an evaporator of a refrigeration system. The method involves using the dehumidifying and cooling potential of used air from the room to process external air, whereby the enthalpy of the induced external air is reduced in a rotating, regenerative, rapidly running absorption exchanger (2) and dehumidified and cooled, further dehumidification and cooling in a subsequent heat exchanger (3), a further reduction in enthalpy of the feed air flow in the subsequent evaporator (4), using a further heat exchanger (5) to reheat to the desired feed air state, feeding the output air into the absorption exchanger without thermal pretreatment, humidifying and heating the output air in the absorption exchanger, taking heat into the output

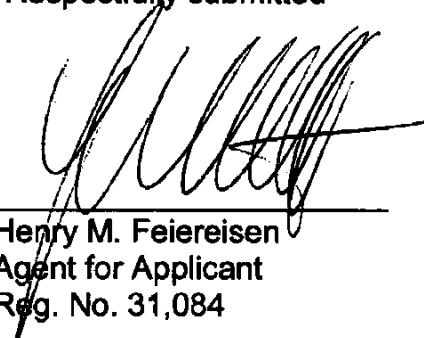
air in the condenser (12) and feeding it to the atmosphere as exhaust air. Independent claims are also included for the following: an air conditioning arrangement for humid-and-hot and hot climatic regions.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date, if appropriate
	4,687,573	08-18-1987	Miller et al.			
	4,711,097	12-08-1987	Besik			
	5,817,167	10-06-1998	DesChamps			

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation
	JP 61 222523 A	10-03-1986	Japan			abstract
	JP 57 167718 A	10-15-1982	Japan			abstract
	EP 0 678 321 A2	10-25-1995	Europe			yes
	DE 100 27 467 A1	12-06-2001	Germany			no

**OTHER DOCUMENTS** (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No  
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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
IPC 7 B01D53/26 B01D53/06 F24F3/14

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
IPC 7 B01D F24F

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the International search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category <sup>a</sup>	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 4 687 573 A (MILLER ET AL) 18 August 1987 (1987-08-18) column 3, line 64 - column 10, line 52; figures 1,2	1,2,6, 10,12-14
X	PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 011, no. 063 (C-406), 26 February 1987 (1987-02-26) & JP 61 222523 A (P S KANKYO GIKEN KK), 3 October 1986 (1986-10-03) abstract	1,2,6, 12,13
X	PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 007, no. 011 (C-145), 18 January 1983 (1983-01-18) & JP 57 167718 A (NOBUKO TAMAOKI; others: 01), 15 October 1982 (1982-10-15) abstract	1,2,4
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Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

Patent family members are listed in annex.

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## C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 4 711 097 A (BESIK ET AL) 8 December 1987 (1987-12-08) column 3, line 48 - column 5, line 63; figure 1 -----	1,2,10, 12,13

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JP 57167718	A	15-10-1982		NONE		
US 4711097	A	08-12-1987		NONE		